



13th June 2008

Dear Parents

A final reminder regarding classes for September 2008.

Class reorganisation – Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Reorganisation

There will be a reorganisation when children transfer into Year 1, Year 3, Year 3/4 class and Year 5 in order to create new classes.

Staff will use their professional judgement to create these groupings and the criteria they will employ are:

1. A balance of gender
2. A mix of different ages (age groups in the Year 3/4 class)
3. A balance of personality and sociability
4. The retention of positive friendship groupings
5. Parental considerations

Item 5 is an opportunity for parents to let me know in writing of any issues which staff should consider before creating the new classes. While I cannot guarantee that all parental views will be acted upon, staff will at least be able to bear them in mind.

Will parents please therefore write to me with any considerations they wish to raise by Friday 20th June.

Artsmark Gold Award

The school has been awarded Artsmark Gold by Arts Council England in recognition of our commitment to the arts. This is a significant achievement and all staff who contributed to the application are to be congratulated. Mrs Traynor, who led the application process, deserves particular credit.

Stivichall Fun Club

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the school staff room at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 1st July 2008. Parents are welcome to attend the AGM to ask questions or volunteer to join the committee.

PTA Non-Uniform Day

This will be held on Friday 27th June and will have a beach party theme. Children can wear T-shirts, shorts etc. providing they bring a donation for the PTA tombola and raffle.

Green Lane Entrance

The two cars parked on the Green Lane driveway belong to our Site Services Officer and his family. Recently, these cars have been damaged. Please let me know if you have witnessed anyone acting suspiciously around them.

Visit to the Cathedral

"On Tuesday 20th May a group of four students from Year 5 went to Coventry Cathedral to work on a project with West Midlands Police about peace and reconciliation. When we got there we met five other schools: Finham, Earlsdon, Manor Park, Grange Farm and Howes. It was lots of fun. We went away with the task of presenting to all the other schools why hate is wrong, how power can be good or bad and how life and the way we live it can affect not only us but also the people around us. We have made a PowerPoint at school to show to Simon, director of the project. He is going to come to school and we are going to show him our PowerPoint in an assembly." By Rachel, Jake, Leah and Benjamin (Year 5)

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Longest Walking Bus Challenge

The weather was perfect for our walk in the park on Wednesday. Well done and thank you to all children, staff and parent helpers who took part in this annual national event initiated by BRAKE, the road safety charity.

Mrs Robinson has informed BRAKE that 521 children walked at Stivichall. This number will be added to their grand total which will be submitted to the Guinness Book of Records.

Our regular walking bus leaves the Burnt Post at 8.40 am every day. Their record so far is 49 children – can we make it 50? All are welcome to join them on the walk to school.

Dinner Lady Vacancies

We are looking for supervisory assistants to join our lunchtime team. Duties include supervising children in the dining room and on the playground.

Hours of work are 11.50 am to 1.20 pm Monday to Friday, term time only. However, if you are only able to commit to two or three days per week we would also like to hear from you.

The rate of pay is currently £6.08 per hour

Please call into the school office or ring 7641 9555 to arrange an informal meeting.

PTA NEWS

LADIES NIGHT: MONDAY 16TH JUNE - 7.30pm. Tickets still available from the office or on the night at the door. Don't forget we have a Bar selling wine, Pimms and non-alcoholic drinks. Virgin Vie will be there with a great line up of cosmetics. There will also be a Jewellery stall. All in all, we hope everyone has a great time. Some of the Teaching assistants have also agreed to model for us - so come along and support them and the other mums who are bravely taking to the catwalk. **DONT FORGET** your Cheque book - cash also accepted.

UNIFORM SALE: Next sale is on Wednesday 18th June. 2.30 till 3.00 in the dining room. Then, weather permitting, 3.15 - 3.45 outside the kitchen door.

GREEN LANE FAMILY NIGHT: Friday 13th June 7.30 to 11.00. **SOLD OUT** - entrance by ticket only. We hope everyone has a great night tonight and thanks to all who have organised this event.

Fun Club Summer Playscheme (Monday 11th August – Friday 29th August)

Places are still available – details and booking forms can be collected from the school office or Fun Club.

Finham Summer Playscheme (Monday 21st July – Friday 8th August)

Please contact Bernie Rowlatt or Sue Kirk at the Coundon Family Centre, Children and Family Education Service, tel. 024 7678 6800 for further details and a registration pack.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher